

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, March 18, 2008.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God, Our Creator, we being today's legislative session with a prayer for guidance and direction as we organize our personal and legislative agenda for the day. In Your goodness, help us to set our priorities correctly and to evaluate issues in a reasoned, thoughtful and objective manner. This week, Christians around the world are observing Holy Week, a time for personal prayer, reflection, special religious services and ceremonies. May the solemnity and unique spirit of these days encourage all Christians to renew and deepen their religious beliefs, values and their commitment to their faith and guiding principles.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of the House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Linsky of Natick and Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating Fair and Yeager Insurance Company on receiving the Community Business Shining Light Award;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Linsky of Natick and Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating Jan Parsons on receiving the Educator Shining Light Award;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Linsky of Natick and Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating Dick Cugini on receiving the Harriet F. Siegel Shining Light Award; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Stanley of Waltham) in recognition of Kenneth Burns for his timeless contributions to documentary filmmaking;

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Linsky, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill providing for the establishment of a fire department in the town of Georgetown (Senate, No. 2343, amended in section 4, in lines 74 to 79, inclusive, by striking out subsection (c) (as changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading) and inserting in place thereof the following:-

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"(c) A contract between the town of Georgetown and the Erie Fire Association No. 4, Inc. or the Central Fire Company of Georgetown, Mass., Inc. shall not exceed a period of 10 years; provided, however, that the board of selectmen may extend such contract, or negotiate any new contract, for up to 2 additional periods of up to 10 years each. The financial obligation of the town of Georgetown under any such contract shall be subject to annual appropriation.") (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2558) of Anthony D. Galluccio for legislation relative to commercial motor vehicle safety; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2559) of Mark C. Montigny, Patricia D. Jehlen, Elizabeth A. Malia and James E. Timilty for legislation to cap nonprofit executive compensation; Severally to the committee on Judiciary.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2560) of Anthony D. Galluccio, Anthony J. Verga, Thomas M. McGee and Timothy J. Toomey, Jr. for legislation relative to age restrictions for veterans applying to be police officers and firefighters. To the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2561) of Michael W. Morrissey, Christopher G. Fallon, Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Steven A. Tolman and other members of the General Court for legislation to exempt certain annuities from taxation. To the committee on Revenue.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2562) of Benjamin B. Downing and Christopher N. Speranzo for legislation to amend the Uniform Procurement Act. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2563) of Anthony D. Galluccio for legislation relative to penalties for overweight and speeding vehicles;

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2564) of Anthony D. Galluccio for legislation relative to the age of commercial motor vehicles; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2565) of Richard T. Moore and Jennifer Callahan for legislation to designate certain bridges in the town of Millville in honor of John Dean;

Severally to the committee on Transportation.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Stephen Kulik and Stanley C. Rosenberg relative to authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to release a certain parcel of land in the town of Deerfield from the operation of an agricultural preservation restriction; and

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Stanley C. Rosenberg and Stephen Kulik that the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to release a parcel of land located in the town of Sunderland from a certain agricultural preservation restriction;

Severally to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Stephen L. DiNatale and others for legislation to further regulate the record keeping procedures of scrap metal and junk dealers. To the committee on Community Development and Small Business.

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Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Donald F. Humason, Jr., and Michael R. Knapik relative to criminal proceedings against certain juveniles involved in vehicular homicides; and

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Stephen L. DiNatale relative to the penalties for the use or manufacture of hidden compartments for the purpose of transporting or distributing controlled substances;

Severally to the committee on Judiciary.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Cleon H. Turner for legislation to regulate the number of sales tax holidays, so-called, in the Commonwealth; and

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Pamela P. Resor, Stephen Kulik and others for legislation to provide for an income tax credit for the rehabilitation of residential historic properties;

Severally to the committee on Revenue.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the Bill providing for a study of the Commonwealth's job classification system by the Human Resources Division (Senate, No. 2386);

Of the Bill establishing the Massachusetts commission on advanced practice nursing (Senate, No. 2418);

Of the Resolve creating a study into the promotion of a year of service by young people in the Commonwealth (House, No. 126);

Of the Resolve establishing a commission relative to an index of creative and innovative education in the Commonwealth (House, No. 393);

Of the Bill to study vegetation management in electric wire security zones (House, No. 764);

Of the Resolve relative to protecting the archaeological and fossil resources of western Massachusetts (House, No. 787);

Of the Bill relative to the Middlesex Canal Commission (House, No. 813);

Of the Bill to establish a special commission to research the benefits of competition for our current automobile insurance rating system, and methods of incorporating such benefits (House, No. 916);

Of the Bill reforming labor rates paid by insurance companies to auto repairers in the Commonwealth (House, No. 1085);

Of the Bill relative to preserving Polish heritage in the Pioneer Valley (House, No. 1184);

Of the Bill relative to establish the Rutland Holden Sewer System transfer commission (House, No. 1970);

Of the Resolve relative to the study on methods to reduce incidents of suicide (House, No. 2165);

Of the Bill relative to the Bureau of Forest Fire Control (House, No. 2370, changed);

Of the Bill to authorize the Human Resources Division to undertake a study of the state's job classification system (House, No. 2826);

Of the Resolve establishing a great places in Massachusetts commission (House, No. 3417);

Of the Resolve establishing a special commission relative to reimbursements of school busing costs (House, No. 3606);

Of the Bill relative to regional transit authorities (House, No. 3678);

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Of the Resolve relative to regional transit authorities (House, No. 3683);

Of the Resolve establishing a special commission to make an investigation and study relative to the hygienic of band instruments in the public schools (House, No. 3887);

Of the Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission of the feasibility of hosting the Olympics (House, No. 3916, changed);

Of the Bill relative to a special House sub-committee to study condominium law (House, No. 4017);

Of the Bill establishing a Massachusetts work family council (House, No. 4308);

Of the Bill relative to borrowing by cities and towns (House, No. 4329);

Of the Resolve to establish a special commission to perform an investigation and providing for a study relative to the long term management and maintenance of certain harbor islands (House, No. 4334);

Of the Bill creating a commission to regulate commercialism in the public schools (House, No. 4483); and

Of the Bill relative to financial incentives for primary care physician recruitment (House, No. 4514);

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, for the committee on Education, on House, No. 562, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning student privacy (House, No. 4907).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 595, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning alternative education (House, No. 4908).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 405, 429, 434, 478, 496, 497, 503, 556, 557, 585, 594, 3849 and 3850, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning education finance (House, No. 4909).

By Mr. Smizik of Brookline, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, Nos. 820, 825, 826, 827, 828, 830 and 831, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning environmental issues (House, No. 4910).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of said orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the following Bill increasing coverage of nonprescription enteral formulas (House, No. 925);

Bill to protect the mentally ill in emergency rooms (House, No. 2042, changed); and

Bill establishing the nursing and allied health trust fund (House, No. 4575);

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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Engrossed Bills.

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Relative to the operation of the sewer system of the town of Ipswich (see Senate, No. 2446) (which originated in the Senate);

Authorizing the city of Salem to issue additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages (see House, No. 4275); and

Authorizing the town of North Andover to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4517);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,--

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty-three minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.